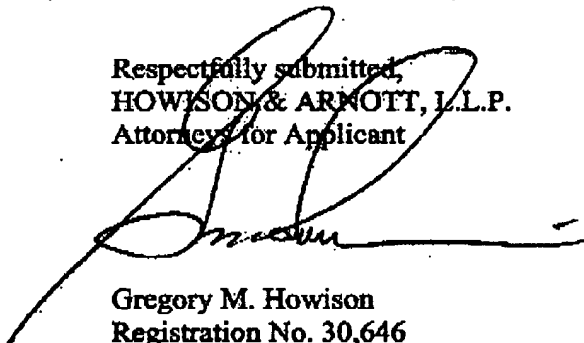


**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 12 have been amended to further the prosecution of this application.

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